

## LOCAL FINANCIAL GOSSIP.

Capital Fraction 5s were again on the way yesterday at the Washington Stock Exchange, and those disposed to buy could have all they wanted at 107½, though the price went a fraction higher and wavered a little at times. The brokers evidently had made up their minds that the premium was the correct figure, and buyers and sellers came in in sufficient numbers to make a high bid to be called true or three times to allow the secretary time to fix the record.

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Nov 61 yesterday, and immediately the market was created about the "gas pool," which called, which bulled the price up to the last week.

After call Mitchell Mining came in for some trading at 4½. The stock seems scarce, and some of the wise ones declare a rise is due in it.

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### Opinions on the New York Market

Herbert L. Jones, of A. O. Brown & Co. "Prices are likely to sag lower, pending the publication of the government report on Friday. It is evident that markets are being discounted, as everybody expects an unfavorable showing."

J. B. Weed, of Dick Brothers & Co. "The market opened irregular, although it improved during the first minutes, the rally was not sustained, and traders were active on the bear side."

Union Pacific, Smelters, and St. P. suffered the largest decline, the former showing considerable pressure at times. A very firm wheat market had nothing effect upon sentiment. In the afternoon the market was inclined to improve, though trading was only moderately active. Prices at the close showed a gain in the active list of more than a point from the low prices of the day."

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Benjamin Woodruff, of Post & Flag—"To-day's market had a decidedly bearish tendency. It looked as if most of the

ing was by the same old bear crowd that made so much money on the short two or three months ago. At any rate the brokers employed in selling stocks today are the same as were used on former occasion, and I believe the share interest has materially increased to-day.

and yesterday. This selling is based upon unfavorable news, the unsatisfactory way in which money is working, and on poor net returns reported by several of our prominent railway systems. The roads are in a peculiar dilemma, for traffic continues so heavy that they are unable to handle it scientifically and economically, and, at the same time, are

economically, and to do this requires expenditure of further large sums of money. Unfortunately, owing to the antagonism of State legislatures under initiative of our Chief Executive the credit of the railroads is greatly impaired and they are at present unable to raise this new capital, except by issuing short-term obligations, upon adverse interest

term obligations upon onerous intercharges. The talk of crop damage is doubtfully much exaggerated, although the season is late and some damage resulted, but the difficulty regarding railways is the evident and an actual condition. The present range of price discounts a great deal of trouble, and see no reason for the indiscriminate

G. Bowie Chipman, of E. R. Chapin & Co.—"Although the total transactions to-day were larger than yesterday, outside public interest continued at a moderate level."

num, leaving the trading almost entirely in the hands of professional operators. The course of the grain markets in Western weather reports had much to do with the course of prices. The market opened with lower prices, followed immediately by heavy selling in New York.

tral, under which the balance of the weakened, particularly Union Pacific Smelters. During the middle of the session the market was less active, with a real tendency to rally. Some slight improvement took place in the final few minutes, yet almost the entire list closed weaker. Atchison, under onist buying.

an exception, and made a gain. There was, during to-day's decline, some substantial buying, particularly in stocks as Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchison, New York Central, Pennsylvania, and Reading, but I see no indications of any desire to do more than speculate. For trading purposes, soft.

prices. For trading purposes, such as to-day's, should be taken advantage of, but the advice is still good to such purchases as soon as the market shows signs of dullness on a rally."

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### LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

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**BUTTER**—Receipts light; market steady. Creamery, fancy, 25½ to 27; Western firsts, 25 to 27; seconds, 23 to 25; process, fancy, 24 to 25; fair, 23 to 24; good, 22½ to 23; dairy, choice, 20; good, 18 to 19; store-packed, fresh, 15a15.

**CHEESE**—Market unchanged. New York State factory, large, 14½a15; do., small, 15½a16; sun-dried, 14½a15; Western factory, new, choice, 14½a15; do., fair to good, 11; Virginia, 10.

**LIVE POULTRY**—Receipts liberal; market: chickens, winter, 13c22; do., spring, 22c27; stags, 1b., 10a12; hens, per lb., 13c14; roosters, per lb.; ducks, large, per lb., 12a12½; do., small, per 10a11; geese, per lb., 6a8; turkeys, toms, per lb.

12; do., hens, per lb., 12a14; turkeys, thin, 12a14; do., per lb., 12.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Choice stock in good demand. Turkeys, hens, undrawn, per lb., 12a15 average, undrawn, 12a14; do., thin, per lb., 10a16; toms, 12a13; chickens, spring, large, per lb., 13 small, 25; fowls, 12a15; capons, 7-lb. av., 22a22; do., small, 12a18; hens, choice, 13; roosters, large, 12a13; do., small, 11; geese, 8a10.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Choice dressed calves

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, per bushel, 60; Virginia and Maryland, per barrel, 1.75; potatoes, per barrel, 3.00a3.50; yams, per barrel, a3.00; asparagus, per dozen, 2.00a3.50; cabbage crate, 2.00a2.25; celery, New York, per bunch, do, Florida, per crate, 2.00a2.75; cucumbers,

GREEN FRUITS—Apple market strong, and table varieties meet with steady sale; common neglected, York Imperial, 2.00a3.00; Ben Davis, 3.50; fancy table fruit, 4.00a5.50; oranges, Florida bright, per box, 3.50a4.00; California navel, per box, 3.50a4.00; common fruit, Florida, per box, 3.50a4.00.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Apples, sliced, fancy, 5; bright, 14; cherries, 12½; whortieberries, raspberries, 26½; blackberries, 8.

**HAY AND STRAW**—Timothy, choice, 21.50; 1, 21.00; No. 2, 18.50-19.00; mixed hay, 17.00; clover, 15.00-18.50; straw, rye, bundle, 11.00; rye, machine thrash, 8.50-9.50; wheat, 7.30-7.25.

**GRAIN**—Wheat, choice, 7½; fair to good,

**WOOL AND HIDES**—Choice furs in good hides dull. Wool, washed, free of burs, 35; unwashed, free of burs, 28a50; wool, burry, hides, green, 9; dry, 15a77; sheepskins, green, 90a1.00; dry, 25a79; calfskins, 1.00a1.50; muskrats, 20; black, 35; kits, 5; skunk, 22a1.50; mink, 7; rabbit skins, 1a14; opossum, 10a25; raccoon,

**PRODUCE IN BALTIMORE**

Baltimore, May 7.—**FLOUR**—Market quiet. Demand fair. Winter extra, 2.90a3.10; do., clear 3.35; spring clear, 3.20a3.55; do., straight, 3.5 do., patent, 4.10a4.50; City Mills best patent

do., High-grade Patent, 4.50; do., straight, 4.25; choice Family, 3.75; do., extra, 3.30a3.50; Rio 3.25a4.00; rye flour, medium to choice, 3.40a3.80; meal, per 100 lbs., 1.20a1.35; buckwheat flour, per 100 lbs., 2.20a2.40.

WHEAT—Stock in elevators, 216,998 bushels. There were no arrivals to-day of Southern wheat.

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Rainy Season in Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 7.—The racing season has commenced with a heavy downpour. The camp at the race club occupied by earthquake refugees has been flooded, and many tents have been blown down. The suffering among refugees is great. The wooden bungalows intended for their use are not finished.